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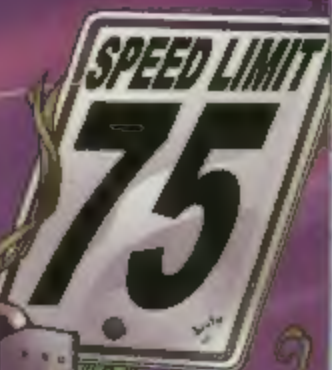
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Hey Sonic Fans,
Though this never happens in the book... we took some artistic license with Sonic's first meeting with the Genie. Hope you enjoy our Homage to Aladdin.

Justin- Sonic Editor



SONIC MEANIE IN A BOTTLE

THE MEANIE

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PART 1



THERE IT
GOES, MUTTSKI!
FETCH, BOY!

ROWF!
ROWF!



BRAKT

WHOA!



SOMETIMES I
FORGET HOW TOUGH
HIS ROBOTICIZED
HIDE CAN BE!



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THE SPINACH
HAS BEEN SAVED FROM
A WATERY GRAVE!

BUT
HOW?

MEANIE IN A BOTTLE PART 2

MUTTSKI!
YOU'RE OKAY!
I SHOULD'VE
KNOWN A COLD
DIP WOULDN'T HURT
YOU, BOY!

ROWF!

WEIRD BOTTLE.
AS SOON AS I FREED
IT FROM THE BOTTOM
OF THE LAKE...

...IT SHOT
ME RIGHT BACK
UP TO THE
SURFACE! WELL,
LET'S SEE
WHAT'S INSIDE!



K-ZAM





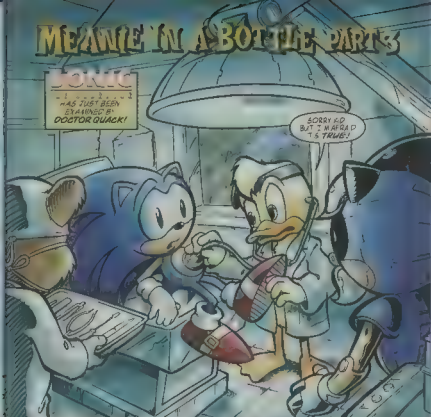
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EXAMINED BY
DOCTOR QUACK!

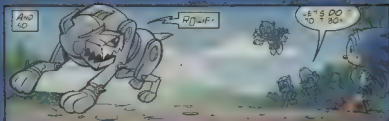
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BUT I'M AFRAID
IT'S TRUE!

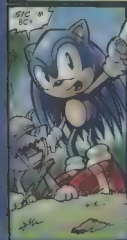
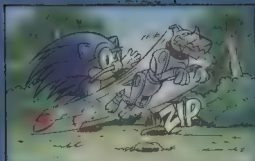


THAT GENE YO
SPEED HAS STRIPPED YOU
OF YOUR SUPER-SPEED

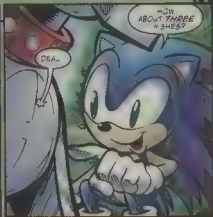
AND
GIVEN IT TO
YOUR PET
DOG!

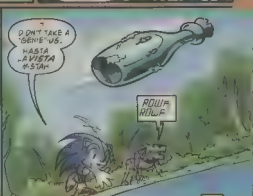
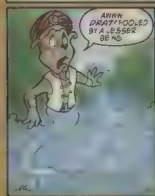
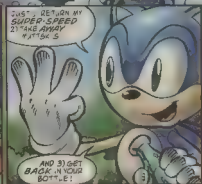
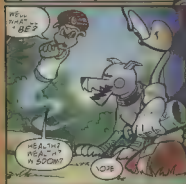






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Hey Sonic Fans, Spaz here. Justin asked me if I could share with you a little of what goes on behind the scenes here at Archie regarding Sonic design work. In the next couple of pages, I'll be showing you some of the character sketches, unused artwork and concept art that never made it to print. So, check it out and enjoy.

Thanks-Spaz

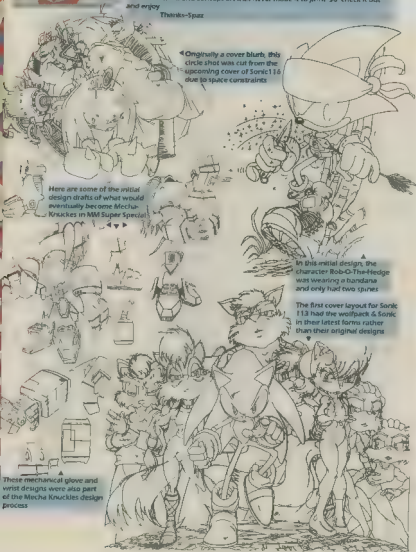
◀ Originally a cover blurb, this circle shot was cut from the upcoming cover of Sonic 116 due to space constraints

Here are some of the initial design drafts of what would eventually become Mecha-Knuckles in MM Super Special

▲ In this initial design, the character Rob-O-The-Hedge was wearing a bandana and only had two spines

The first cover layout for Sonic 113 had the wolfpack & Sonic in their latest forms rather than their original designs

These mechanical glove and wrist designs were also part of the Mecha Knuckles design process

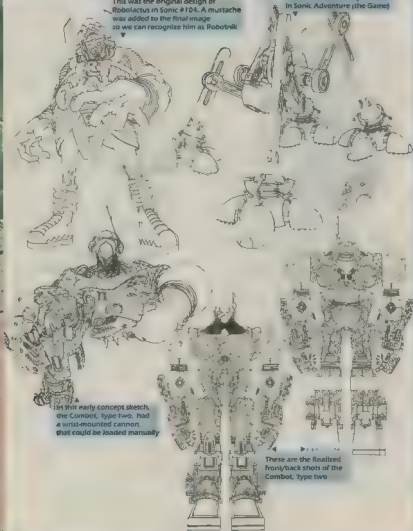


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This was the original design of Robotactus in Sonic #104. A mustache was added to the final image so we can recognize him as Robotnik

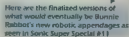
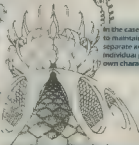
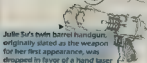
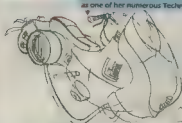
The Egg Walker design was adapted from the 'Tails Scenario Boss Walker' driven by Robotnik in Sonic Adventure (the Game)



In this early concept sketch, the Combos, type two, had a wrist-mounted cannon, that could be loaded manually

These are the finalized front/back shots of the Combos, type two

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Originally slated for a future Special, and seen briefly in another book, Knuckles, Twenty years later, sports some strange gear and a metallic Eye-piece

As the birth mother of the evil Kragok & Kommissar Merin-Da was given a more 'Hard-Edged' design

In the SSS#11 story 'Shadows' Lager (father to both Julie Su and the evil twins Kragok & Kommissar), had to have a menacing yet gentle look

Shown here is a full shot of Julie Su's actual mother, Mari Su, rarely seen in a full-body shot outside of Sonic SS #11

Julie Su, Twenty Years later, has a slight hairstyle change, a less robotic group of dreads, and carries some serious firepower

Floren-Ca started out as the design for Julie Su's birth mother, but was later switched in the design process

Here's a full body shot of the child versions of Kragok and his sister Leen-Da (Kommissar)

Here in both young and old forms, Julie Sue's surrogate father, Simon, was portrayed, only in his older stage

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Based on the characters from the popular Anime TV show "Battle of the Planets", Sonic plays the role of Sonerk

In this spoof, Knuckles's personality and demeanor were a perfect fit for the role of Knuckson



As Sonic's best bud, Tails fit in nicely as Tallsup



For a little bit of an ironic twist, Justin thought it would be interesting to redesign the normally sweet and vallant Princess Sally as the evil SALLTAR



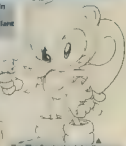
Before her eventual redesign by Sega's Sonic Team for Sonic Adventure, Amy Rose's original design was adapted to play the role of Princess Amy



Rotor's stocky build made him the perfect choice to play the role of Tiny R



Sonic's disguise, for issue #97 was an amalgam of a ninja and the character Strider from the 'Capcom arcade game'



Ray The Squirrel originally appeared with Sonic and Mighty The Armadillo in a little seen Sega System 32 Arcade game

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Originally slated to take place in an alternate timeline, a more "manga" influenced Sonic & the group were called for

Princess Sally's changes included a new outfit, a mini disk player, and even a hover bike not shown here

The script also called for Bunnie Rabbot to be shown both in her natural state (complete with cut-off jean shorts and high top sneakers before she's roboticized), as well as a different type of robotic design

Not looking too different than his newer iterations as of J20, when he was designed. Manga Sonic, besides being clothed, was quite a departure from the normal, more rounded shorter-spined Sonic

Silver probably sported the most drastic redesign, becoming more wiry, having a long hair braid, and wearing a stealth suit

The SWATbots were also redesigned to include a Female version as well as a Heavy Artillery version not shown. Their designations were displayed in the form of notations on their chestplates; for example, type B SWATbots were the more feminine design

The male SWATbot designated Type A, were a much bulkier design but lacked the maneuverability or capability of flight which the Female design had. However, all three types had a common design trait...

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As a final bonus, we present to you some sneak preview characters that will be appearing in future issues of Sonic The Hedgehog comics. Because these are as yet unseen characters, we cannot reveal their identities here, but we can give you a little teaser. So check them out and enjoy. Maybe you can guess who a couple of them are. Thanks again for reading.

—Spaz

The character

CAUTION: SPOILER INFO
...in his
...limited form

As the next

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...weaponry

Asterisk

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...mobility
...enhancements

As the other

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...armor
...speed upgrades

Being

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...bear very
...to Sonic In Design

Never be

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...and strengths

NUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA
HAS JUST FOUND OUT THAT
DMITRI, HIS FORMER FOE
AND STILL LEADER OF THE
DARK LEGION, IS DYING.

WATCHING HER
DEPARTURE IS ONE VERY
INTERESTED OBSERVER
AND ONE RELUCTANT
CABBER

DMITRI'S SECOND-IN-
COMMAND, HIS GREAT-
GRANDDAUGHTER **LIEN-
DA**, WAS VISITING WITH
HIM AT THE HOSPITAL
WHEN SHE RECEIVED
WORD TO RETURN BACK
TO THE MOTHER SHIP.

I THOUGHT
THE DARK LEGION
WERE **UNWELCOME**
ON THE ISLAND

GET WITH
THE PROGRAM,
MAC

THAT WAS
YESTERDAY!

?

**ULTIMATE
POWERS
PART TWO**

ONCE AGAIN OUR INTREPID TEAM

REN PENDERS
SCRIPT LAYOUTS & INKS

DAVIN BEST
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EMBARKS ON A NEW ADVENTURE FEATURING EVERYONE'S FAVORITE ECHIDNA

YOU KNOW HOW IT IS --
YESTERDAY'S ENEMY IS
TODAY'S FRIEND!

THAT'S
POLITICS
FOR YOU

ANYWAY, YOU
WANTED TO SEE
THE **HEAD**
ENCHILADA



DMITRI'S
THERE?

SO HERE
WE ARE!

HOW
DO YOU
KNOW?



YOU COULDN'T
PAY ME ENOUGH
TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS LIKE
THAT!

SEE

THEN WAIT
HERE WHILE I
TEND TO
BUSINESS!



WELL, WELL, WELL

LOOK
WHAT
THE CAT
DRAGGED
IN!



OR
WIELDED
THE **POWER**
STOLE FROM
YOU?

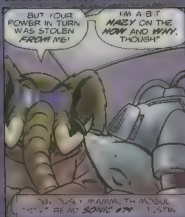
CURIOUS TO
KNOW WHETHER
I USED **BRUTE**
FORCE...



SOMETHING
LIKE THAT

I'M
AFRAID TO
DISAPPOINT
YOU, OLD
BOY

AS CHRONICLED IN THE NEW
CLASSIC **KNUCKLES 89** - JUSTIN.



BUT YOUR
POWER IN TURN
WAS STOLEN
FROM ME!

I'M A BIT
MAZY ON THE
NOW AND **WHY**,
THOUGH?



SO WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?

REVENGE!

BY JUSTIN MAMMOTH MUGUL
"SONIC 87" READ **SONIC 87** T. JUSTIN

PERHAPS, BUT NOT UNTIL YOU'VE ASSISTED ME IN
REACQUIRING THE POWER FROM ANOTHER SOURCE...

LOOK
AT THIS
MOVE

VECTOR IS
DEFINITELY
SOMETHING!

WE'RE
JUST NOT
SURE
WHAT!

VECTOR IS
DEFINITELY
IN
THE GROOVE!

SPEAKING
OF SOMETHING,
KNUX...

"SHORT AND SIMPLE,
CHANGED COLORS
WHEN *SAINED* THE
POWERS OF THE CHAOS
EMERALD!"

SWEET!!

HOW'D
THAT
HAPPEN?

THAT'S SURE
SOME SHADE OF
GREEN YOU'RE
SPORTING!

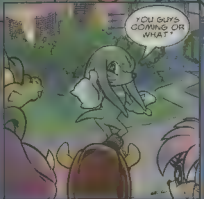
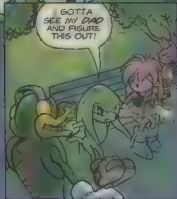
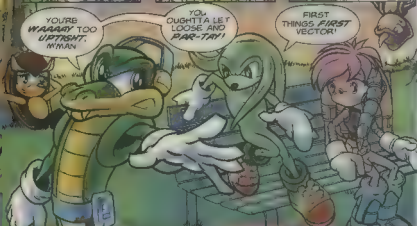
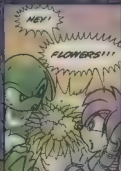
SO
WHAT'S IT
MEAN?

YOU CAN
ACROBATICALLY
WALK
BETTER THAN
VECT!

GOOD
QUESTION!

THINGS
GET *STRANGE*
WHEN I GET
MAD!

WHAT
ABOUT WHEN
YOU'RE NOT?



ELSEWHERE IN
ECHIDNAOPOLIS, UNSEEN
FROM PRYING EYES...

WE'VE JUST ABOUT
FINISHED INSTALLING THE
COM CONSOLES.

ONCE THE FINAL
CONNECTIONS ARE
MADE, WE CAN BEGIN
SIMULATIONS!

EXCELLENT!

KOMMISSAR WILL BE
Pleased WITH OUR
PROGRESS!

SPEAKING
OF WHICH...

HAVE YOU ANY
NEWS OF GREAT
DIMITRI,
KOMMISSAR?

NOTHING
FAVORABLE AT
THE MOMENT,
GAE NA.

BUT
THERE IS
STILL
HOPE!

IN THE
MEANTIME

-- THE HIGH COUNCIL
HAS NOT YET VOTED
THEIR APPROVAL OF
REUNIFICATION --

HERE'S A
REPORT ON
OUR CURRENT
STATUS!

AND
WHAT ABOUT
KNUCKLES?

-- FORCING US TO
CONTINUE WITH OUR
BACK-UP PLAN JUST
IN CASE

WHERE
ABOUTS IS OUR
ALLY?

WHATEVER
WOULD YOUR FATHER BE DOING
IN *THIS DUMP?*

* - AND SO IT IS, DUE TO
EVENTS DEPICTED IN *SONIC
SUPER SPECIAL #4* - JUSTIN

I GUESS HIS
LAST ADDRESS IS IN
WORSE SHAPE?

YOU SURE HE
COULDN'T FIND A
BETTER PLACE,
KNUX?

THIS IS JUST
THE *STORAGE*
AREA

IN
HERE!

KNUCKLES!

GOOD THING
YOU SHOWED
UP, SON!

YOU SOUND
LIKE YOU WERE
EXPECTING
ME, DAD

IF YOU HADN'T
COME, WE'D HAVE GONE
LOOKING FOR YOU

WHY?

WHAT'S
GOING
DOWN?

WE'VE JUST RECEIVED
A *TRANSMISSION* FROM
SOMEONE WHO CALLS HIM
SELF *ANANOTH MOSUL!*

HE'S
CAPTURED
DAMITRI

AND NOW
HE WANTS
YOU!

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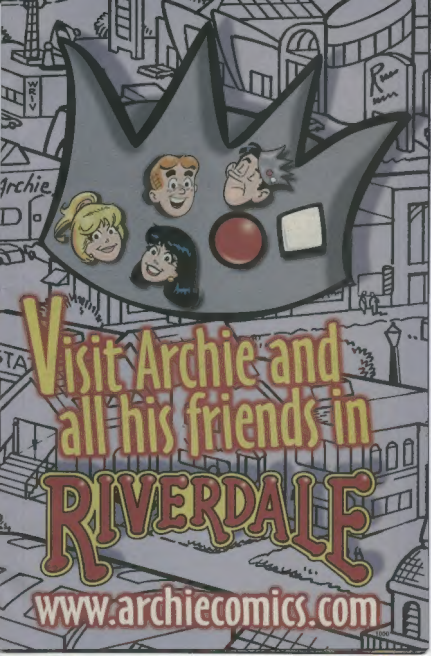
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